DECLASSIFIED EXCISE E

Friday
October 10, 1952

Staff meeting.

We spent some time discussing the question of whether Soviet participation in the Korean campaign, especially through its Air Force, should be publicly disclosed.

Dean is away today, as he will be tomorrow, since he is ill in bed with a cold.

I had a satisfactory talk with Howland Sargeant about [redacted] the Committee for Free Asia. I spoke of this matter again today with

BI-ED

Grover Loening stopped by to see me. He is going to Germany on Monday to see his son who is serving with the American forces there. He is taking no part in the political campaign. He says [redacted] he favors Stevenson personally, and thinks him [redacted] able but believes it would be bad for the country to have the Democrats remain in power any longer. However, he has no confidence in Eisenhower or the Republicans, so he appears to be in a dilemma.

Messrs. Linder and Sohm came to see me. Harold stated [redacted] clearly and comprehensively, as he always does, the many problems confronting the Economic Office.

Rudy Schoenfeld came to see me. He was here from Guatemala on consultation. He says [redacted] all-out every one of the three candidates

DECLASSIFIED
DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR
REVIEWED BY cxe DATE 7-1-81
PORTIONS DENIED AS INDICATED

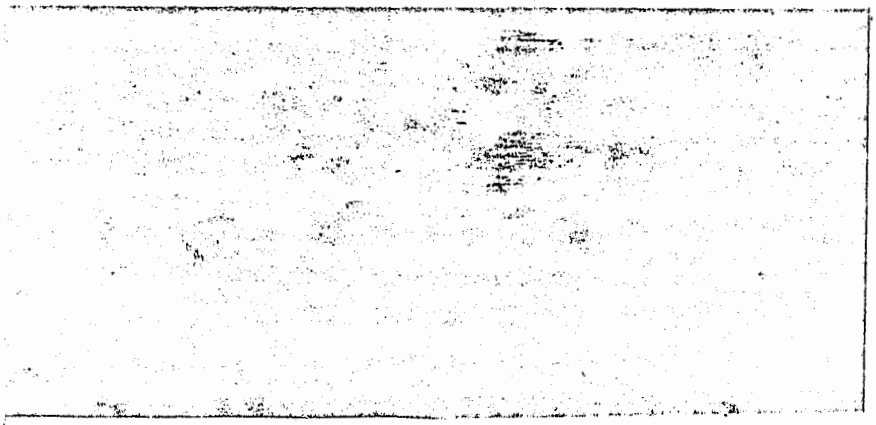
DECLASSIFIED

 10/10/12

Guatemalans dislikes the United States and its citizens. This is not gay for him as [redacted] Ambassador.

Phil Claxton came in with a final draft for a reply to Congressman Kersten's abusive telegram saying [redacted] the State Department had blocked the implementation of the Kersten amendment, [redacted] designed in large part to recruit refugees from the satellite countries and enroll them in the Western forces. This complicated matter is still under study at the Pentagon, and the State Department has done nothing whatever to block Mr. Kersten.

Chip and I had lunch at the 1925 F Street Club, and afterwards, with Messrs. Hart and Sturgill, I saw the Saudi Arabian Ambassador.



BI, ED

Graham Martin came to see me. He repeated what Jimmy Dunn had told me in London, namely [redacted] the multiplicity of American officials in Paris was such that the situation was hopelessly confused.

I had a talk with Carl Humelsine about various personnel matters.

Merle Thorp, [redacted] Director of Cities Service, and in charge of its public relations, called on me to say that Alton Jones wished to hold

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

a press conference. Paul Nitze and I told him [redacted] we considered [redacted] this would definitely be extremely harmful to any possible success in the negotiations between the Iranian [redacted] Government and the AIOC. We asked him in the public interest to try to postpone any such proceeding indefinitely. Meanwhile, Jones is being severely criticized by some of his stockholders and directors, by officials of large American oil companies with interests in the Middle East, by American news men, and part of the British press for not explaining exactly what he was up to in Iran. I can sympathize with his plight, but in the long run he will be better off if he remains silent as long as possible.

Immediately after seeing Mr. Thorp, Messrs. Nitze, Byroade, Linder, Fisher, Bonbright and myself met on the Iranian question. There have been conversations back and forth during the day between Nitze and the Department of Justice and we hope to have a more definite reply from Justice tomorrow as to whether or not we can approach the major U. S. oil companies for advice and assistance in working out a plan that might be calculated to bring Mossadegh and the AIOC into agreement.

E. went to New York today, as I had expected to go myself but, as Dean [redacted] he'd taken to his bed with a bad cold, decided to stay here.

DECLASSIFIED